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**Home of the
Black Bears**

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From the Principal

Surely as cometh the Winter, I know
there are Spring violets under the snow.
- R. H. Newel

**CHANGE TO OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR:
SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

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Research shows that young people are more likely to exhibit positive, responsible behavior when they have parents and other adults in their lives who model positive, responsible behavior. Adult Role Models is Asset 14 of Search Institutes 40 Developmental Assets, the qualities, experiences, and relationships that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

Research supports that what most young people need more than anything else in their lives is positive social interaction with adults. Modeling appropriate behavior and praising children when they exhibit positive behaviors is the beginning. Let your children know that you admire their manners, friendship skills and kindness. Ask your children to tell you how they practice and live **Monty's High Five!** each day here at school.

CONGRATULATIONS, to our **JANUARY** Students of the Month:

Kindergarten-KATRINA ROBERTS
First Grade-AUSTIN PREZIOSI
Second Grade-WILLIAM RIKER
Third Grade-GABRIELLE KARRER
Fourth Grade-ERYKAH WHITE
Fifth Grade-NYOMI VASQUEZ
Sixth Grade-JADE FAINES

THANK YOU, to our PRINCIPAL'S PRINCIPLES readers for
JANUARY:

- CATIE WORTHNIGTON-Courtesy
- KYRA STRAETZ-Sharing
- DANIELLE HEIMANN-Perseverance
- EMRE DENIZ-Enthusiasm
- MEGAN VAN HERWYNEN-Fairness

FEBRUARY 2011

16-PTA Meeting
17-School Spelling Bee
**21-PRESIDENTS'
DAY -NO SCHOOL**
22-BOE Meeting
25-Student Council-
Favorite TV Show
Character-Spirit Day



MONTY visited us on February 3rd to congratulate the MONTY BUCK RAFFLE WINNERS FOR **JANUARY:**

- ❖ Cassandra Gaston
- ❖ Carly Headley
- ❖ Ty Loveland
- ❖ Dameon Haggerty
- ❖ Kane Nicolais
- ❖ Emily Nied
- ❖ Eryk Jaworski
- ❖ Lindsay Predmore
- ❖ Nyomi Vasquez

STAFF NEWS:

Mrs. Henn's kindergarten read "The Mitten Tree" by Candace Christiansen. The class made paper mittens, decorated them and hung them on an "evergreen" tree. Several days later when they came back to school, the paper mittens had been replaced by "real mittens", hanging on the tree, just like in the story. The students were not only surprised and delighted but they could not wait to take them home and wear them! The class had a lot of fun and now has a new book to add to their classroom favorites.

Ms. Banghart's and Mrs. Neglia's first grades topped off their study of Colonial America with Colonial Recognition Day! The children were dressed as colonial children would, girls in skirts and dresses and boys in rolled up pants and white shirts. The children participated in some colonial activities and shared some homemade bread and applesauce!

Mrs. Wright's shoe tying party for the kindergarten and first grade students will be held this week. During this fun event, Mrs. Wright tests the kindergarten and first grade students to determine who can tie their shoes repeatedly and tightly. Those children who do are declared Kings and Queens of Mrs. Wright's Shoe Tying Club! Thank you to **Mrs. Bacho, Mrs. Bisl, Mrs. Lyon** and **Mrs. Padalino** for assisting us!

Mrs. Jeskey, Mrs. Marion, Mrs. Loewenberg, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Reisen's second graders celebrated Chinese New Year with crafts, Chinese food sampling and parading with the famous second grade dragon! Thank you to **Mrs. Cusumano, Mrs. DeCollibus, Mrs. Goralczyk, Mrs. Kelmeris, Mrs. Kopetsky, Mrs. Rush and Mrs. Walters** for assisting with the celebration!

Mrs. Alles, arranged for our kindergarten through second grade students to learn about the importance of good dental hygiene in recognition of Dental Health Month by Captain Supertooth! All of the children received a toothbrush to take home.

Mrs. Goyette's next activity with her fifth and sixth grade LEAP class is the Iditarod! The students will be reading about and joining the adventure via the internet and Google Earth.

The Child Study Team held their semi-annual Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting on Friday, February 11th. Thank you, **Mrs. Musto, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. Dennis** for organizing this informative session. Thank you to Mr. Jodi Hanlon, School Psychologist and Mr. Anthony Caporale, Guidance Counselor from Port Jervis Middle School for attending and describing the programs available for all students at Port Jervis and to all of the parents that attended.

The Student Council was Cupid this month! They created lollipop grams and sold over 300 to students and parents alike! Way to go! Thank you, **Mrs. Fischer and Mr. Ferriere** for supervising this HUGE project!

Our YMCA After School Program hosted a Healthy Breakfast on Friday, February 11th. Thank you, **Mrs. Linda Mortensen and Mr. Shane Terwilliger** for teaching our children the importance of a healthy breakfast, any time of the day!!!